

City of Joliet Illinois Newsletter

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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF JOLIET, ILLINOIS

Important Phone Numbers

**Police and Fire
Emergency**
9-1-1

Police Non-Emergency
(815) 726-2491

**City Hall Information/
Questions**
(815) 724-4000

Complaint Line
(815) 724-4005

**Water & Sewer
Billing**
(815) 724-3820

**Building Dept./
Inspections**
(815) 724-4070

**Public Utilities
(Water & Sewer)**
(815) 724-4220

Public Works
(815) 724-4200

Roadways
(815) 724-3650

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Jim Hock**
(815) 724-3720

**Mayor
Bob O'Dekirk**
(815) 724-3700

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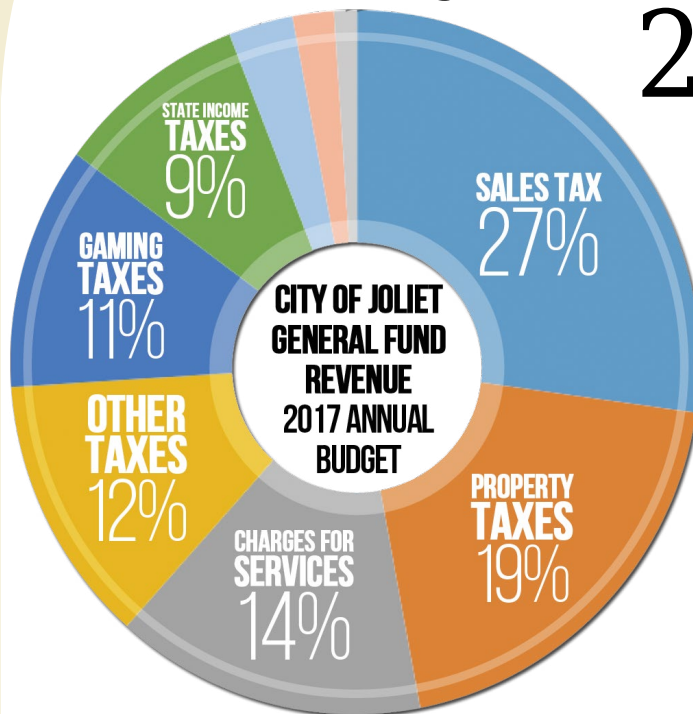
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(815) 724-3744

**Mike Turk
(At Large)**
(815) 724-3747

City Council Adopts 2017 Budget



SALES TAX: \$46,710,000
PROPERTY TAXES: \$33,678,450
CHARGES FOR SERVICES: \$25,460,259
OTHER TAXES: \$21,961,000

GAMING TAXES: \$18,533,000
STATE INCOME TAXES: \$14,700,000
FINES & FEES: \$5,572,700
OTHER REVENUE: \$3,564,114
LICENSES & PERMIT: \$2,263,000

General Fund Expenditures

The 2017 budget anticipates expenditures in the General Fund of \$180,150,192. The Police (31%) and Fire (22%) departments are the largest source of City expenditures. Other departmental expenditures are presented in the graph to the right.

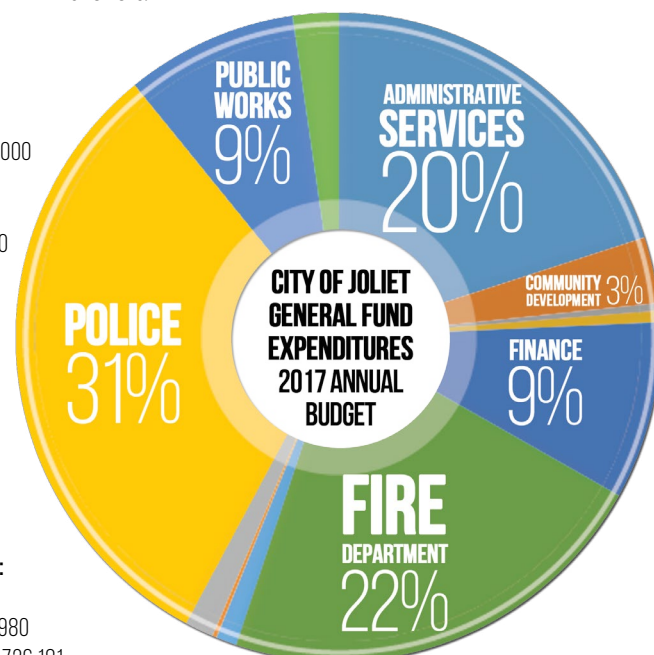
POLICE: \$55,860,340
FIRE DEPARTMENT: \$38,878,492
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES: \$36,285,013
FINANCE: \$17,263,657
PUBLIC WORKS: \$16,120,983

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: \$6,031,414
CAPITOL PROJECTS: \$3,051,980
TECHNOLOGY SERVICES: \$2,726,181
LEGAL: \$1,799,393
CITY MANAGER: \$1,051,390
CITY CLERK: \$682,925
MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL: \$398,424

On December 20, 2016 the City Council adopted the 2017 budget appropriating \$282,195,682 for the City of Joliet's 17 funds. The City's largest fund, the General Fund, had an appropriation of \$180,150,192 that would be covered by \$172,442,523 in revenue and a use of reserves of \$7,707,669. The Water and Sewer Fund is the second largest fund with a budget of \$52,752,054.

General Fund Revenue

The 2017 budget anticipates revenues in the General Fund of \$172,442,523. Sales Tax (27%) and Property Tax (19%) are the largest source of City revenue. Other revenue sources are presented in the graph to the left.



Special Service Area for Economic Development Approved

In the continuing effort to encourage redevelopment and investment in downtown Joliet, the City has approved a ten-year renewal of a special service area (SSA) for economic development.

A SSA is a special taxing district created to generate property taxes that fund programs and assist businesses located within the district. This district has been in place serving the downtown area for over two decades.

The City has also expanded the district to provide assistance and revitalization opportunities to the commercial and industrial areas near downtown. Due to the importance of the Cass Street Corridor, Collins Street Corridor, and North/South Chicago Street Corridors, the City will develop economic development programs that can strengthen these critical entryways into the downtown area.

The City of Joliet and Joliet City Center Partnership will be collaborating with property and business owners to determine how to best improve these areas.

Strong commercial areas provide the community with jobs, shopping and dining locations, and serve as gathering places for residents. The City remains committed to encouraging a vibrant business community and identifying innovative solutions to achieve that goal.



Hello, Spring

Arbor Day

Plant trees at the right time and they're more likely to survive. Early spring, just as the ground thaws, is the best time plant.



What better time in the spring to plant then on Arbor Day. This year Arbor Day is Friday, April 27. The City of Joliet will be celebrating Arbor Day at a local school. Please, contact Jim Teiber the City Arborist at (815) 724-4046 for information regarding the Arbor Day Celebration and any other questions or information regarding Spring Tree Planting.

Election

The City of Joliet would like to remind people the April 4, 2017 Consolidated Election is fast approaching.

Voters will be able to vote for three full-term (four years) At-large City Council positions. Be sure to vote.

Taste of Joliet

Mark your calendars for the Joliet Park District's Taste of Joliet on June 23-25 at ATI Field at Joliet Memorial Stadium, 3000 W. Jefferson St., Joliet. Billy Currington, A Thousand Horses, Kane Brown and Stephen Neal are some of the artists that will be performing. Go to tasteofjoliet.com for more information.

Yard Waste Pick-Up Resumes April 3

The City of Joliet and Waste Management would like to remind the residents of Joliet the yard waste collection will resume Monday, April 3 and continue through Friday, December 8.

Residents should place all yard waste material out for collection by no later than 7:00 a.m. on their collection day. Yard waste materials may be placed in one of the following containers; a rigid 33-gallon refuse-type container identified with a "YARD WASTE ONLY" sticker attached OR 32-gallon kraft disposable type paper bags. "YARD WASTE ONLY" stickers are only required for rigid 33-gallon containers and should be placed with the sticker clearly visible from the street. Yard waste will not be collected in plastic bags of any type or size or in containers larger than 33 gallons.

FREE yard waste stickers are available at the following locations: City Hall (150 W. Jefferson Street), Certified Warehouse Foods (118 E. Jackson St.) & Joliet Jewel Foods Stores (1401 W. Jefferson St., 1537 N. Larkin Avenue & 2480 Il. Rt. 59).

Brush and branches may either be placed in the above mentioned permanent-type containers or Kraft paper bags or may be securely tied with string or twine in bundles not exceeding 4 feet in length nor weighing more than 50 pounds per bundle. No "YARD WASTE ONLY" sticker is necessary for bundled yard waste. Unbundled brush and branches will not be collected. Yard waste containers must contain only yard waste. State law prohibits collection of mixed loads of yard waste and other refuse.

Please note that sod, dog feces, whole trees, stumps, limbs greater than 3 inches in diameter and dirt are not part of the weekly yard waste program and will not be collected.

Residents can also either rent or purchase 96-gallon yard waste totes by contacting the Waste Management Customer Service Center at (815) 280-7854. We appreciate your continued cooperation with the City's yard waste collection program.

For questions about yard waste pickup, please call (815) 724-4000.

Broken Garbage or Recycling Toter?

Do you have a cracked lid on your garbage or recycling toter? Is there a wheel falling off?

If you have a broken garbage can from normal wear and tear, please call Waste Management at (815) 280-7854 to repair it for you.

A LOOK BACK

By the 2016 Numbers

A look at Municipal Service delivery

The third largest city in Illinois, Joliet covers 63 square miles and has 149,395 residents. The municipal services help to make our community a great place to live, work and do business.

Joliet has 593 miles of City-owned streets, 612 miles of water main, 567 miles of sewer main, 123 traffic signals, 40 bridges, 2,804 public parking spaces, 24,500 lighting fixtures (4,500 city and 20,000 ComEd) and 38 school zone warning flashers.

Services are delivered by a workforce of 781 full-time and 84 part-time employees who bring a wide range of formal education, experience and expertise to their jobs.

With the highly trained and accredited police force and firefighter-paramedic force, the

City of Joliet's public safety programs rival those of any other community.

Joliet's public works and public utilities programs are the core of our municipal services. They pump water, maintain streets, treat sewage, plow the snow, keep the traffic signals operating, and trim the trees among other things.

Other municipal services nurture business investment, manage thousands of parking spaces and foster development that provides jobs, retail opportunities, eating places and housing that meets the needs of our growing community.

Though employees are assigned to different departments, and the jobs performed vary, all have the common mission of serving the many needs of the residents of Joliet. Here's a snapshot of some of their activities from the year that just ended.

HERE'S A SNAPSHOT OF SOME OF THEIR ACTIVITIES FROM THE YEAR THAT JUST ENDED

PROTECTING THE PUBLIC

- **93,051** calls for police service
- **94,512** 911 calls were received in the Joliet Communication Center.
- **17,613** ambulance calls by **9** ambulances across the city
- **2,596** Fire Department service calls, including structure fires, car, brush, & dumpster fires, including carbon monoxide calls, and fire alarms to name a few.
- **9,675** tons of salt spread during **10** separate snow events
- **248** water main breaks were repaired
- **167** Landlords cited for smoke detector and other emergency violations

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

- **98** scheduled block parties, school visits, and other community requests for fire trucks to attend their functions.
- **103** special event applications processed
- **46** council meetings / **66**

committee meetings - **112** council/committee meetings total

- **1,042** graffiti tags removed
- **4,566** community relations issues addressed, including tenant/landlord disputes and local ordinance violations
- **9,085** service requests were answered by the Public Utilities Department

IMPROVING THE CITY

- **2,500** tons of asphalt used to patch potholes
- **16.9** miles of streets resurfaced
- **2.3** miles of streets reconstructed
- **41** miles of sewer mains were cleaned and video inspected
- **441** hydrants were repaired and **10** hydrants were replaced
- **4,100** trees removed
- **1,121** trees planted
- **3,750** trees trimmed

SUSTAINING THE ENVIRONMENT

- **51,552.4** tons of garbage

hauled away

- **11,318.2** tons of recyclables collected
- **10,433.4** tons of yard waste hauled away

GROWING THE ECONOMY

- **\$46,729,588.02** sales taxes generated by local businesses
- **7,097** building permits issued totaling **\$438,919,922** worth of new valuation
- **4,041,921** square feet of new property received building permits
- **250** new residential housing permits

COMMUNICATING INFORMATION

- **3,617** document requests processed under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act
- **215,800** new visitors and **193,850** returning visitors to City website - cityofjoliet.info. Total of over **1,000,000** page views. Most popular pages: Make a Payment, Human Resources and Garbage-Recycling.

CONSTRUCTION

Roadway Reconstruction

Since 1982, the Department of Public Works has reconstructed neighborhood streets within the City of Joliet. These projects were previously completed through the City's Neighborhood Improvement Program and are now being accomplished through the Roadway Reconstruction Program. Streets to be reconstructed through this program include both residential and/or collector streets. The 2017 Roadway Reconstruction Program shall expend approximately \$1,373,000 utilizing funding from the City's Motor Fuel Tax monies.

The following is a listing of streets to be reconstructed with the 2017 Roadway Reconstruction Program:

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| 1. Charity Avenue (Route 52 - Sherman St.)
Storm Sewer / Curb & Gutter / Roadway Reconstruction | 5. Marion Street (York Ave. - Eastern Ave.)
Curb & Gutter / Roadway Reconstruction |
| 2. Douglas Street (Westminster Ave. - Woodlawn Ave.)
Curb & Gutter / Roadway Reconstruction | 6. Sherman Street (Doris Ave. - Charity Ave.)
Storm Sewer / Curb & Gutter / Roadway Reconstruction |
| 3. Garvin Street (Fairmont Ave. - Luther Ave.)
Curb & Gutter / Roadway Reconstruction | 7. York Avenue (Washington St. - Osgood St.)
Storm Sewer / Curb & Gutter / Roadway Reconstruction |
| 4. Knox Place (Taylor St. - Douglas St.) | |

Roadway reconstruction projects are scheduled to take place from late Spring through late Fall 2017.

In addition to reconstructing numerous streets, the Department of Public Works completes an annual Roadway Resurfacing Program on various streets city-wide. This 2017 Roadway Resurfacing Program shall be funded with approximately \$1,230,000 of Motor Fuel Tax monies. A full list of streets to be resurfaced in 2017 will be provided in a future newsletter.

Property owners are advised to seek alternate routes when a given street is being reconstructed. The Department of Public Works may be contacted at 815-724-4200 with questions regarding the 2017 Roadway Reconstruction Program or 2017 Roadway Resurfacing Program.

Joliet Adds 1,962 New Residents

During the autumn months the City of Joliet contracted with the U.S. Census Bureau to conduct a special census within the community. This effort focused upon those neighborhoods and subdivisions that experienced rapid growth since the last census in 2010. Following several months of canvassing, the Census Bureau counted an additional 1,962 Joliet residents.

This is important due to the fact certain State-shared revenues are distributed to cities based upon population. It is estimated that this will result in Joliet receiving approximately \$288,000 per year in new State revenues.

Thank you to those individuals who participated in the census. We welcome you as new residents to Joliet.

Tax Season Scams

Info from Joliet Police Department...

With it being tax filing season, the Joliet Police Department would like to remind everyone to be aware of IRS phone scams.

Thieves will try to get callers to give their personal information over the phone in order to commit identity theft, get funds sent immediately to them and also to gain access to banking/credit information. These scams target the elderly and those whose citizenship may be in question.

Listed below are some of the tactics these thieves try on victims.

- Scammers make unsolicited calls. Thieves call taxpayers claiming to be IRS officials. They demand that the victim pay a bogus tax bill. They con the victim into sending cash, usually through a prepaid debit card or wire transfer. They may also leave "urgent" callback requests through phone "robo-calls," or via phishing email.
- Callers try to scare their victims. Many phone scams use threats to intimidate and bully a victim into paying. They may even threaten to arrest, deport or revoke the license of their victim if they don't get the money.
- Scams use caller ID spoofing. Scammers often alter caller ID to make it look like the IRS or another agency is calling. The callers use IRS titles and fake badge numbers to appear legitimate. They may use the victim's name, address and other personal information to make the call sound official.
- Cons try new tricks all the time. Some schemes provide an actual IRS address where they tell the victim to mail a receipt for the payment they make. Others use emails that contain a fake IRS document with a phone number or an email address for a reply. These scams often use official IRS letterhead in emails or regular mail that they send to their victims. They try these ploys to make the ruse look official.
- Scams cost victims over \$23 million. The Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, or TIGTA, has received reports of about 736,000 scam contacts since October 2013. Nearly 4,550 victims have collectively paid over \$23 million as a result of the scam.



Water Main & Sewer Rehabilitation Program Year One Construction to Begin

In 2016, the Department of Public Utilities prepared 5-Year Rehabilitation Programs for the water and sewer systems with a goal of rehabilitating 1% of the system annually. The projects will be funded with low interest loans from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Construction of the year one projects is anticipated to begin this May and will continue through the end of the year.

The water main rehabilitation projects consist of replacement of existing water mains that are prone to failure. A list of the 2017 projects is below. For more information about the Five Year Water Main Rehabilitation Program please visit the City's website at cityofjoliet.info/departments/public-utilities/water-main-rehab-plan.

2017 Water Main Rehabilitation Projects

- **Marycrest Phase II:** St. Francis (St. Joseph - Romayne), Purdue (Capri to St. Francis), Romayne (Capri to St. Francis)
- **Glenwood Avenue:** Glenwood (Woodlawn to Wilcox), Wilcox (Douglas to Glenwood), Midland (Glenwood to Campbell)
- **Downtown:** Jefferson (Chicago to Des Plaines), Joliet Street (Jefferson to Washington), Washington (Chicago to Des Plaines), Ottawa (Jefferson to Washington)
- **Forest Park Phase I:** Woodruff Road (Arthur to Cutter), Luther (Garvin to Woodruff), Cutter (Garvin to Woodruff)
- **Terry Drive:** Terry (Glenwood to Black), Mason (Terry to Bethel)

The sewer main rehabilitation projects consist of rehabilitation of existing sewer mains and manholes

that have been found to be defective and are sources of inflow and infiltration. A variety of no-dig construction methods will be utilized including sewer main lining, grouting, and manhole coating. A list of the 2017 projects is below. For more information about the Five Year Sewer Main Rehabilitation Program please visit the City's website at cityofjoliet.info/departments/public-utilities/sewer-rehabilitation-plan.

2017 Sewer Rehabilitation Projects

- **Kerwin Estates:** Sewer lining and MH rehabilitation
- **Mayfair:** MH rehabilitation and sewer grouting
- **Ridgewood:** Sewer lining and MH rehabilitation
- **Edgecreek, Springview, Thunder Ridge, & Bee Dee Highlands:** Sewer grouting
- **Parkwood and Park Hill:** Sewer lining and MH rehabilitation
- **Downtown:** Chicago (Cass to Jefferson) & Jefferson (Des Plaines to Chicago) Sewer Rehabilitation

Information Updates about Water and Sewer Projects

Residents who live in the water or sewer project areas identified above are encouraged to sign-up for the City's Smart Message - Community Alert system to automatically receive project updates and alerts. To enroll visit the City's website homepage at cityofjoliet.info, scroll down to the bottom of the page, and click on the "Notify Me!" icon. If you would like more information about the 2017 projects or have any questions about the water and sewer system rehabilitation program please call the Department of Public Utilities at (815) 724-4220.

The IRS will not:

Call you to demand immediate payment.

The IRS will not call you if you owe taxes without first sending you a bill in the mail.

- Demand that you pay taxes and not allow you to question or appeal the amount you owe.
- Require that you pay your taxes a certain way. For instance, require that you pay with a prepaid debit card.
- Ask for your credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
- Threaten to bring in police or other agencies to arrest you for not paying.

Do not give out any information and hang up the phone. If you don't answer the phone, the scammers may leave a message trying to get you to call them back. Do not call them back and ignore the message.

Also, pass this information on to family, friends and neighbors. Please make an extra effort to ensure any elderly family or neighbors are made aware of this. Also please tell anyone you know whose second language is English, as they are also highly targeted. You can go to the City of Joliet's police website at jolietpolice.org to hear a sample phone message that was left for one of our officers on his home phone.



SINKING IN AN UNDERWATER MORTGAGE?

The **I-REFI** program offers up to **\$50,000** in federal assistance to buy down your mortgage and refinance you into an affordable loan.

REQUIREMENTS

- Current on your mortgage for at least 12 months
- Credit qualify for a new IHDA mortgage through a participating lender
- Be within IHDA's application income limits*

GET STARTED TODAY!

Find a participating lender at
www.ihda.org/IRefi or call 1-312-836-5200

*Home value, income and credit score limits apply



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Massachusetts Nonprofit Helps Illinois Residents Avoid Foreclosure

If you have missed mortgage payments or are in foreclosure or facing eviction due to foreclosure, the SUN program (SUNHomeHelp.org) may be able to help. Since its launch in late 2009, Boston Community Capital's SUN Initiative (the initials stand for "Stabilizing Urban Neighborhoods") has invested more than \$110 million to prevent the eviction of over 600 residents in five states hard hit by the foreclosure crisis: Illinois, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Jersey and Rhode Island.

SUN works with banks and attorneys to stop the eviction process, purchase foreclosed properties at distressed market values, and resell those properties to their current occupants at a significant discount off the prior mortgage. SUN provides foreclosed homeowners with a new 30-year, fixed rate mortgage at approximately 6.375% (6.545% APR) with one point, no pre-payment penalty.

In Illinois where SUN has been operating for more than a year, the program has helped 15 homeowners avoid foreclosure by issuing each of them new, affordable mortgages that reflect the current market value of their home. SUN works especially well for homeowners who are "underwater" on their mortgages (e.g., owe more than their homes are worth).

For example, a Flossmoor, IL resident went into foreclosure after her monthly payments reached an unaffordable \$2,973 per month on a \$152,211 loan. She applied to SUN for assistance, which was able to issue her a new 30-year fixed rate mortgage of \$123,650, reflecting her house's fair market value (and a 19% reduction of her prior mortgage). Best of all, her new monthly payment is \$1239 per month (representing a 58% reduction).

The SUN program welcomes applications from any Illinois resident

APRIL IS ... SAFE DIGGING MONTH

When to call?

Both the call and JULIE's services are free.

You may be surprised by what's buried in your yard. Most electric, gas, water, sewer, and telecommunications companies are delivering utility services underground. To avoid personal injury and damage to those underground lines, state law requires you to contact JULIE before any digging project, regardless of the project size or depth.

Are you planning any of the following projects?

- DECKS & PATIOS
- FENCES
- SIGNS
- TREES OR SHRUBS
- SWING SETS
- TENTS
- MAILBOX POSTS
- FOUNTAINS
- GARDENS
- ROOM ADDITIONS
- LANDSCAPING
- SWIMMING POOLS

**BEFORE
YOU DIG,
CALL:**



1. The location the excavation will take place, including county, city or unincorporated township, section and quarter section numbers if available, address, cross street (within 1/4 mile), subdivision name, etc.
2. Start date and time of planned excavation
3. Type and extent of excavation involved
4. Pre-marking the dig area by outlining with white paint, flags, or stakes

You can prevent injury and avoid damage by following these four important steps:

1. Call 811 or 1 (800) 892-0123 or Click E-Request at illinois1call.com before you dig.
2. Wait the required amount of time (two working days after your call or click).
3. Respect the marks and Dig with care.

Checklist for a Locate Request

1. Your name, address, phone number,

Building Permits

Most people are aware that Permits are required for new construction, but did you know they are also required for roofs, siding, fences, decks, pools, and remodeling?

If you are uncertain if permits are required for your project, contact the City of Joliet Building Services Division at (815) 724-4070.

who is late on their payments or in foreclosure, and has a stable and predictable income (even if it is Social Security payments) that can support a mortgage at current rates.

Those with poor credit history or who have filed for bankruptcy may be eligible and are encouraged to apply; so are individuals who have been turned down for participation in the federal mortgage modification programs. SUN will carefully examine the income, circumstances and ability of a homeowner in foreclosure to carry a mortgage that is roughly equivalent to the value of their home. For more information on the SUN Initiative or to determine if you or someone you know may be eligible, call SUN toll-free at 855-604-4663. There is no fee to apply.

Boston Community Capital, which founded the SUN Initiative, is a nonprofit organization with a 30-year track record of financing affordable housing, child care facilities, schools, community health centers and community programs.

The SUN program's funding comes from individual investors and foundations, the U.S. Department of Treasury's CDFI Fund and the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development.

Mortgage loans are made by Boston Community Capital's affiliate, Aura Mortgage Advisors, a licensed mortgage lender (N.M.L.S. # ML23467). This institution is an Equal Opportunity Lender, Provider, and Employer.





Spring Cleaning is in the Air

Garage Sale:

Residents planning a garage sale in 2017 are reminded that garage sale permits are required per Joliet City Ordinance. Permit applications can be downloaded at cityofjoliet.info/residents/garage-sale-permit and then brought to the City Hall - Customer Service windows to apply and acquire the permit during regular business hours. Permit applications can also be picked up and filled out at City Hall when paying for the garage sale.

City Hall is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except on observed holidays and is located at 150 W. Jefferson St, Joliet, IL 60432. Thirty-minute free parking is available in designated spots around the City Hall building and in the City Hall parking lot off of DesPlaines St. Once an individual, neighborhood, subdivision or group garage sale permit is purchased; there are no rain dates, substitutions and permits are non-refundable.

Individual Garage Sale Event:

- Residents are allowed (2) two individual garage sales per calendar year and each sale must not exceed (4) four consecutive days.
- Individual garage sale permits are \$6.

Neighborhood, Subdivision, Group Garage Sale Event:

- Neighborhood, subdivision or group garage sale events are when (5) five or more addresses are participating in the same event and are not to exceed (4) four consecutive days.
- The applicant(s) for this type of sale will need to provide the following: name of subdivision, name of person in charge of the garage sale, name(s) first and last of all participants (minimum of (5) five to qualify for this type of permit), and complete address information of each participant.
- Once the permit has been issued, additional names and addresses cannot be added to the permit.
- Residents are allowed to participate in (2) two neighborhood, subdivision, group garage sale events per calendar year.

More Information:

- For garage sale permit information go to cityofjoliet.info/residents/garage-sale-permit or contact Customer Service at (815) 724-3820.

Discarding Large Household Items:

Place large house items curbside on your regularly scheduled collection day. All large household items must be placed curbside before 7 a.m. on your normal collection day. The following are some examples of large household items that are eligible to discard:

- Furniture
- Beds
- Tables
- Carpeting and padding (Must be cut and rolled and bound into (4') four-foot sections and each roll must not exceed 50 pounds).
- Automotive tires are collected on recycling day, limit (4) four automotive tires per household with no rims.
- Please note that eviction piles of garbage and furniture are not part of the Waste Management program. Report all eviction piles of furniture and trash to the City Hall - Information Desk at (815) 724-4000.

Discarding White Goods:

Residents are encouraged to call Waste Management at (815) 280-7854 to schedule a collection time pick-up before placing any type of white good item(s) curbside with your toters, prior to 7 a.m., on your normal collection day. White goods are defined by the Illinois E.P.A. as:

- Air conditioners, Humidifiers, Chillers & Dehumidifiers
- Ranges, Stoves, Ovens & Microwaves
- Refrigerators & Freezers (Please remove doors before placing curbside for pick-up)
- Washing Machines & Clothes Dryers
- Water Heaters, Furnaces, Boilers & Heat Pumps

Discarding Household Toxic Waste Products/Items:

The following year round drop off site is available for all Joliet residents who have toxic household waste products/items to discard. Items to be included are automotive batteries, oil base paints, insecticides, oil, anti-freeze, etc. Toxic household products/items cannot be collected through your normal residential Waste Management collection process due to Local and State Landfill Laws.

For more information contact the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency at (217) 782-9285 or the Will County Land Use Division at (815) 727-8834.

- The Will County Household Toxic Waste Disposal Site is located at 180 Fort Hill Drive, Naperville, IL. Drop off is available every Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., except on observed holidays.

Medications - Unused, Expired or Unwanted:

Medication(s) should NEVER be discarded down the drain or thrown into the garbage, as they can be detrimental to the safety of others and to our environment. Residents can discard unused, expired or unwanted medications at drop off sites throughout the City of Joliet. Drop off locations are listed at willcountygovern.com/greenguide/pharm.aspx or call (815) 727-8834 for more information.

TV & Electronics Recycling:

Will County continues to offer a residential electronic recycling program in downtown Joliet, available to all Will County and City of Joliet residents. For more information on electronic recycling or for other locations where electronics can be dropped off, visit the City of Joliet website at cityofjoliet.info/residents/garage-recycling, or contact Will County Green at (815) 727-8834 or visit willcountygovern.com.

Electronics and TV's may not be put in your garbage or recycling totes and cannot be left curbside for Waste Management pick up. It is against State Landfill Laws for Waste Management to dispose of TV's and electronics into landfills. Please report any TV's left curbside to the City Hall - Information Desk at (815) 724-4000.

- Joliet's downtown electronics site is located at 57 W. Marion St., in the Will County Employee Parking Lot.
- **Drop off dates and times are every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. ONLY. Please Note: This site is closed at all other times. Anyone illegally dumping items during closed hours will be prosecuted.**
- Will County and City of Joliet residents are required to show a drivers' license or state ID in order to participate.
- Limit of (2) two TV's per vehicle allowed, along with unlimited amounts of other electronic items.
- Front Door Service is available and offered by A-Team Recyclers for \$40. Contact A-Team Recyclers for pricing and to schedule an appointment for pick-up at (815) 600-3608.

Spanish translation of Newsletter available online

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Library Events



All programs are free to attend. For more information or to register visit jolietlibrary.org or call (815) 740-2660.

Ottawa Street Branch: 150 N. Ottawa Street, Joliet • Black Road Branch: 3395 Black Rd., Joliet

April 2 » 2-3 p.m.
A MUSICAL AFTERNOON WITH
MEMBERS OF THE JOLIET
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Black Road Branch
All ages, no registration required
Join us for an enjoyable afternoon
of musical entertainment and
refreshments.

April 27 » 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Ottawa Street Branch
April 3 & May 15 » 11-2 p.m.
Black Road Branch
SAFE BROWSING WORKSHOP
Adults, registration required
Discover the benefits of safe browsing
on the Internet. We will talk about
what is available in regards to FREE
software that protects you from viruses,
malware, spyware, adware and more.
You will become familiar with terms
and steps to protect yourself and your
computer.

April 5 » 6-7:30 p.m.
TEEN IRON CHEF
Black Road Branch
Ages 6-12, registration required
Can your culinary master skills stand
up to the test? See what creation you
can make using a secret ingredient and
other basic items. No cooking required.

April 6 » 6:30-7:30 p.m.
BIRDS OF A FEATHER
Black Road Branch
Children of all ages with adult,
registration opens Mar 20
Families are invited to assemble and
paint a miniature birdhouse decoration
together.

April 22 » 2-3:30 p.m.
WINDOW FARMING WITH NICK
CONRAD
Ottawa Street Branch
Ages 15 and over with adult,
registration required and opens Dec 26
Constructed from recycled materials,
window farms are perfect for small
apartments with limited space. You
will make a small hydroponic planter
to take home with you. Please bring a
plastic bottle (12-32 oz. is best).

April 22 » 10-10:45 a.m.
Ottawa Street Branch
April 22 » 1-1:45 p.m.
Black Road Branch
ANIMAL QUEST
Children of all ages with adult, no
registration required
Love animals? So do Jessica and Steve
Reedy of Animal Quest. We'll meet
and learn about ten amazing animals,
which could include a coatimundi, a



FEATURED EVENT: 8TH ANNUAL STAR WARS™ DAY

June 3
8th ANNUAL STAR WARS DAY
Ottawa Street Branch and Joliet
Historical Museum
Join us for the World's Largest Public
Library Star Wars event. A family
friendly festival of galactic proportions
complete with costumed characters,
games, prize giveaways, live music
vendors, guest authors and much
more. No registration is required and

all ages are welcome.
The event runs from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
in Downtown Joliet and kicks off with
a parade of costumed characters.
The Joliet Historical Museum will be
having a Free Day on Star Wars Day
and will also have many costumed
characters, photo opportunities, and a
scavenger hunt. Visit jolietlibrary.org/starwarsday or
jolietmuseum.org or
for more information.

micro-pig, a Flemish giant rabbit, and
a hedgehog.

April 25 & 27 » 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Ottawa Street Branch
May 9 & May 11 » 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Black Road Branch
INTRO TO PHOTOSHOP 1 & 2
Adults, registration required, patron
should be familiar with basic computer
use
Discover the power of Photoshop in
this two part, hands-on class. Learn
the fundamentals of this exciting
program so you can start creating a
wide variety of projects. Class will be
held on Tuesday and Thursday of the
same week.

May 1 » 6:30-8 p.m.
DECORATE YOUR OWN SKELETON
AND SKULL SUGAR COOKIES!
Ottawa Street Branch
All ages with adult, registration
required and opens Dec 26
We'll provide the cookies, you decorate.
Show us your creativity with icing,
sprinkles, and other cool edible
toppings that are provided by the
library.

May 4 » 6:30-7:30 p.m.
2017 "KEEP CALM AND READ ON"
BOOK BUZZ TOUR
Black Road Branch
Ages 14 and up, registration required
Book lovers, be the first to know
about hot new titles from Penguin/
Random House. Attendees will get free
Advanced Reader's Copies of select
forthcoming books and a tote bag after

the presentation, along with tips on
great books to look out for.

May 4 » 6-7:30 p.m.
MAKE YOUR OWN LIGHTSABER
Black Road Branch
Grades 6-12, registration required
Celebrate May the Fourth Be With You
by making your own lightsaber at the
library.

May 9 » 6:30-8 p.m.
GET GRAPHIC
Larsen's Corner, 1329 W Jefferson St,
Joliet
Adults 21 and over only, no registration
required
Whether you've been a comic
enthusiast for years or just read your
first graphic novel, this club is for you.
We will meet at Larsen's Corner in
Joliet so come share some appetizers
and discuss "Fight Club 2" by Chuck
Palahniuk.

May 9 » 4-5:30 p.m.
ORIGAMI
Ottawa Street Branch
Grades 5 and up, registration opens
April 24
What can you create with a piece of
paper? Come learn to fold and make
a classic design using this Japanese
paper craft method.

SUMMER READING
Coming in June 2017. The Library's
annual Summer Reading Program with
prizes and fun for all ages. Stop by
either library location in May for more
information.

Joliet Slammers

The Slammers are back at it! Kicking off their 2017 season, your hometown professional baseball team has an exciting season in store for fans. The fun starts on opening day - Tuesday, May, 16 for a fan-favorite \$2 Tuesday where tickets start at just \$2.

The Slammers will host 11 games in May, featuring THREE education days on May 17, May 18, and May 24 each at 10:05 am and a Superhero night on Friday, May 19 with post-game fireworks. Rolling into June, the Slammers will bring back some of their top promotional nights, including their first Princess night of the season on June 2 with post game fireworks, Bark in the Park on Sunday, June 4 when fans can bring their dogs to the 1:05 p.m. game, and the Slammers big St. Patrick's Day celebration on Saturday, June 24.

Looking for something to do the weekend of June 9-10, baseball fans can see High School baseball at its finest. The class 3A and 4A IHSA championship tournaments will be at the Joliet Slammers Stadium that entire weekend.

And don't forget - the Frontier League All-Star Game is coming to Joliet in July. Fans, players, and staff from all 11 other teams in the league are headed to Joliet for three days of events. Catch the Home Run Derby at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 11 and the All-Star Game Wednesday, July 12 at 7:05 p.m.. Tickets are on sale now.

Fans can visit jolietsslammers.com for a list of all 2017 promotions and game times. The Slammers provide affordable, family fun each season with 48 games at the Slammers stadium May-September located at 1 Mayor Art Schultz Drive, Joliet, IL 60432. Ticket prices start at just \$5. For more information, call the Box Office at (815) 722-2287.

Joliet Area Historical Museum

JOLIET IN THE 1960s - The Museum needs your help in obtaining images, artifacts, and/or archival material for an exhibit relating to the 1960s in Joliet scheduled for October of 2017. The Museum is especially interested in:

- Transportation: The impact of new highways like Interstates 80 and 55
- Retail history: Hillcrest Shopping Center and the transition of Downtown retailers to the west
- Housing: Expanding neighborhoods to Joliet's west, the clearing of Bluff Street, de-segregation of housing
- Expanding Joliet: Construction of City Hall, 4th Will County Courthouse, New Police Station, Joliet Junior College's move to Houbolt Road Campus
- Civil Rights & Social Change: Joliet's response to national/regional Civil Rights activities, (we are very interested in ANY material relating to Dr. King's speech at Memorial Stadium in Joliet in June of 1965)
- Culture: Theaters, venues, bands, and Joliet connections to worldwide 60's artistic & cultural Renaissance.

If you can help, please contact Executive Director Greg Peerbolte at g.peerbolte@jolietmuseum.org or (815) 723-5201 ext. 236.

Downtown Joliet Events

May 6 - 7
Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Sunday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
11TH ANNUAL ILLINOIS ROUTE 66 RED CARPET CORRIDOR FESTIVAL
Outdoors at the Joliet Area Historical Museum, 204 N Ottawa St, Joliet, IL
This two-day festival takes visitors from Joliet to Towanda, celebrating thirteen communities along Historic Route 66. Each city will have its own celebration and be sure to stop at every city to pick up your unique limited edition collectible pins. Various activities are planned all around Joliet, visit ilroute66redcarpetcorridor.com for more information.

May 13
1 p.m.
SALUTE TO THE BLUE
Downtown Joliet

Join us to honor police officers and sheriffs with a parade through Downtown Joliet and stick around afterward for a celebration with food and live music. Visit jolietdowntown.com for more information.

June 4
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
PAWS ON 66
Downtown Joliet - Van Buren Plaza
Find a furry friend at this pet rescue & adoption event, or bring your own four-legged friend and enjoy games, contests, vendors, and even local pet celebrities. Visit jolietdowntown.com for more information.

June 7 (Opening Day) and every Wednesday throughout the summer
4 p.m. to 9 p.m.
ROUTE 66 STREET MARKET IN

DOWNTOWN JOLIET
Downtown Joliet on Chicago Street, between Jefferson & Van Buren Streets
Every Wednesday night all summer join us for a street market with live music, craft beer, produce, and homemade crafts for sale. Visit jolietdowntown.com for more information.

June 9
5 p.m. - 11 p.m.
NEW ORLEANS NORTH (Age 21 and over event)
\$7 in advance/\$10 at gate
Downtown Joliet on Chicago Street, between Jefferson and Clinton Streets.
A Street festival with a New Orleans flair: Beer Gardens, Food Vendors, Live Music, Roving Entertainment. For more information please contact (815) 727-5371 or go to jolietchamber.com.

McNeil at 815-723-5201 ex. 221 or e.mcneil@jolietmuseum.org.

Through Sept. 17
JOLIET SPORTS HALL OF FAME EXHIBIT
Included with General Admission .
Come check out this temporary exhibit honoring local area Sports Hall of Famers. Are you in the Hall of Fame and would like to donate a piece of memorabilia for display? Please contact Heather at: 815.723.5201 x233 or h.bigeck@jolietmuseum.org.

April 20
6 p.m.
JAZZ APPRECIATION WITH PROFESSOR DAVID MASCIOTRA
Free for Museum members, \$6 for general public
Professor and author David Masciotra visits the Joliet Area Historical Museum for a lively discussion of jazz music. He will explore jazz music as it relates to history, literature, and the pursuit of freedom in America.

April 21
7 - 10 p.m. (Doors Open 6:45 p.m.)
NOVA SOUL CONCERT

\$10 Museum members, \$12 for general public
Sip some wine and listen to the smooth sounds of local favorite Nova Soul in the Museum's intimate, remodeled lower level auditorium.

April 29
10 a.m.-5 p.m.
STAR WARS SCAVENGER HUNT
FREE DAY
Someone has stolen Vader's priceless art collection. He has hired famous bounty hunter, Boba Fett, to find his missing artwork. Find the missing mini paintings hidden throughout the Museum's gallery. Just beware, you never know who is also looking to collect the bounty.

May 18 and June 8
7 - 10 p.m. (Doors Open 6:45 p.m.)
SUMMER ROOFTOP CONCERT SERIES
\$8 Museum Members, \$10 General Public
Our famous rooftop concerts return in 2017. Your favorite musical acts in a one-of-a-kind setting, the Museum's Houbolt Rooftop Terrace, overlooking beautiful downtown Joliet. Artists to be announced.

Spring Events at Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park

Concerts on the Hill kicks off with a special dedication for Tom Drake, retiring American Legion Band Director (June 1) and Spoken Four will be rock'n the stage while Joliet Chamber hosts Business After Hours (June 29). Parking is free. Location: 201 West Jefferson Street. Contact (815) 724-3761 or bicentennialpark.org.

April 6 - 9
7 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday
THE SOUND OF MUSIC
\$8/ \$5 students and seniors
Enjoy this much loved classic, presented by Providence Catholic High School.
Providence tickets: (815) 485-2136 x3323

April 28 - 30, May 5 - 7
8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday
BELL, BOOK, AND CANDLE
\$12/ \$10 students and seniors
Joliet Drama Guild presents this wonderful wacky comedy for your enjoyment.
JDG tickets/ reservations: 877-JDG(534)-1933 (leave voicemail), reservations@jolietdramaguild.org

May 20
6:30 p.m.
JOLIET AMERICAN LEGION SPRING CONCERT
\$15/ \$10 students & seniors 55+
Feel the power of Joliet's award-winning band up close and enjoy pieces usually not heard. All ticket and program proceeds benefit this talented, volunteer band representing Joliet far and wide.

May 25
6:30 p.m.
REDNECK RAVINIA
Free admission
Kick off your summer with a bit of classic country music and redneck charm. Bring a picnic blanket or some chairs for this fresh-air concert.

June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
6:30 p.m.
CONCERTS ON THE HILL
Free admission
For our 43rd year, Bicentennial Park brings its FREE Concerts to Joliet every Thursday June 1 through August 31, weather permitting. Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy a Billie-dog and beer or wine while enjoying our talented performers.

June 16 - 18 and 23 - 25
8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday
MUSICAL THEATRE AT ITS FINEST
\$15 adults/ \$10 students and seniors
Watch our website and social media sites for show and audition information.

June 19 - July 16
9 a.m. - 2 p.m. ages 11 - 18 (\$250)
12 p.m. - 2 p.m. ages 5 - 11 (\$180)
SUMMERTIME ON-STAGE DRAMA CAMP
Teens and youths learn the rigors involved in putting on a full-length musical in this fun and productive summer camp. Children meet Monday through Thursday in the indoor theatre and will present their musical July 15 and 16. Contact the park to pre-register.

Spring Events at Joliet Area Historical Museum

The Joliet Area Historical Museum is located at 204 N Ottawa St, Joliet, IL 60432. Free parking is available in the Museum parking lot at the corner of Ottawa and Webster Streets. Metered parking is available curb side. For further event details, hours of operations and admission fees, please visit jolietmuseum.org or call (815) 723-5201.

April 2
1 - 5 p.m.
LEGO MANIA
\$35 for adults, \$25 kids (3-14)
The Museum is bringing back their spring event by popular demand. Join us for a family fun day filled with Lego building, a special Lego exhibit, Lego games, buffet lunch & much more. All ages are welcome. Space is limited. For more information contact Liz

Rialto Square Theatre

Please visit the rialtosquare.com or call (815) 726-6600 for events and pricing.